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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55, the applicant(s) hereby claim(s) the right of priority based on the next three (3) Japanese Patent Applications:

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